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- 11. (C) SUMMARY: In response to Post's diplomatic note on March 10, the GOC has formally denied any military cooperation with Iran.
- 12. (C) On March 26, the Comoran Ministry of External Relations and Cooperation faxed a dipnote stating only that "...the government of the Union of Comoros is acting in full compliance with all Resolutions of the United Nations, and in particular UN Security Council Resolution 1747, and, consequently, does not deal with Iran in matters of arms." The GOC did not provide any further information on the nature of its relationship with Iran.

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